

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously presented) A potting machine (1) for potting flowerpots (2), with a conveying device (3) comprising a plurality of pot retainers (4) for a respective flowerpot (2), with a housing ring (5) surrounding the conveying device (3), and with a labeling device (11) for labeling the flowerpots (2), the labeling device (11) comprising a dispensing tongue (12) constructed and arranged for stripping off labels (13) and applying them to the flowerpots (2), a positioning device (22) comprising a first joint (23) and having a positioning arm (24) constructed and arranged for pivoting the labeling device (11) and positioning the dispensing tongue (12) against the flowerpots (2) being connected to the labeling device (11), the positioning device (22) comprising a second joint (29) enabling the dispensing tongue (12) to be inclined as a function of the conicality of the flowerpots (2) to be labeled.

2. (Previously presented) The potting machine according to Claim 1, characterized in that a mounting means (25) is provided at the end of said positioning arm (24) for detachable mounting on one of the housing ring (5) or on a discharge device (10) assigned to said potting machine (1).

3. (Original) The potting machine according to Claim 2, characterized in that said mounting means (25) is intended for frictional mounting.

4. (Original) The potting machine according to Claim 2, characterized in that said mounting means (25) is intended for positive mounting.
5. (Previously presented) The potting machine according to Claim 1, characterized in that said positioning arm (24) is firmly connected via a mounting means to said housing ring (5) or to a discharge device (10) assigned to said potting machine (1).
6. (Original) The potting machine according to Claim 2, characterized in that the joint (23) is provided between said mounting means (25) and said positioning arm (24).
7. (Previously presented) The potting machine according to Claim 1, characterized in that the positioning device (22) comprises at least one further positioning arm (26) and in that said positioning arm (24) and said further positioning arm (26) are connected to one another via a further joint (27).
8. (Original) The potting machine according to Claim 1, characterized in that said labeling device (11) is spring-loaded in such a way that said dispensing tongue (12) is positioned automatically against the flowerpots (2).
9. (Original) The potting machine according to Claim 7, characterized in that at least one spring-tension means (28) is provided between said positioning arm

(24) and said further positioning arm (26) and/or between said positioning arm (24) and said housing ring (5) or a discharge device (10).

10. (Original) The potting machine according to Claim 7, characterized in that said labeling device (11) is connected to said positioning arm (24) or to said further positioning arm (26).

11. (Original) The potting machine according to Claim 1, characterized in that said labeling device (11) is height-adjustable, particularly via said positioning device (22).

12. (Previously presented) The potting machine according to Claim 2, characterized in that said positioning arm (24) is height-adjustable with respect to said mounting means (25).

13. (Original) The potting machine according to Claim 1, characterized in that said positioning arm (24) is designed as an angle with a horizontal leg (24a) and a vertical leg (24b).

14. (Previously presented) The potting machine according to Claim 7, characterized in that said labeling device (11) is able to pivot about a longitudinal axis (Z) of the positioning arm (24) or of said further positioning arm (26), or about an axis parallel thereto, via a further joint (29).

15. (Original) The potting machine according to Claim 1, characterized in that said first joint (23) and/or a plurality of further joints (27, 29) are designed in such a way that a movement is possible about at least two axes.

16. (Original) The potting machine according to Claim 1, characterized in that the joint (23) and/or a plurality of further joints (27, 29) is or are assigned a locking means (30) for locking in any pivoting position.

17. (Currently amended) A potting machine (1) for potting flowerpots (2), with a conveying device (3) comprising a plurality of pot retainers (4) for a respective flowerpot (2), with a housing ring (5) surrounding the conveying device (3), and with a labeling device (11) for labeling the flowerpots (2), the labeling device (11) comprising a dispensing tongue (12) constructed and arranged for stripping off labels (13) and applying them to the flowerpots (2), a positioning device (22) constructed and arranged with two pivot locations, one pivot location comprising a joint (23) and having a positioning arm (24) constructed and arranged for pivoting the labeling device (11) and positioning the dispensing tongue (12) against the flowerpots (2) being connected to the labeling device (11), wherein said labeling device (11) is spring-loaded in such a way that said dispensing tongue (12) is positioned automatically against the flowerpots (2).

18. (Previously presented) A potting machine (1) for potting flowerpots (2), with a conveying device (3) comprising a plurality of pot retainers (4) for a respective flowerpot (2), with a housing ring (5) surrounding the

conveying device (3), and with a labeling device (11) for labeling the flowerpots (2), the labeling device (11) comprising a dispensing tongue (12) constructed and arranged for stripping off labels (13) and applying them to the flowerpots (2), a positioning device (22) comprising a joint (23) and having a positioning arm (24) constructed and arranged for pivoting the labeling device (11) and positioning the dispensing tongue (12) against the flowerpots (2) being connected to the labeling device (11), wherein said positioning device (22) further comprises at least one further positioning arm (26) and wherein said positioning arm (24) and said further positioning arm (26) are connected to one another via further joint (27) and wherein at least one spring-tension means (28) is provided between said positioning arm (24) and said further positioning arm (26) and/or between said positioning arm (24) and said housing ring (5) or a discharge device (10).

19. (Currently amended) A potting machine (1) for potting flowerpots (2), with a conveying device (3) comprising a plurality of pot retainers (4) for a respective flowerpot (2), with a housing ring (5) surrounding the conveying device (3), and with a labeling device (11) for labeling the flowerpots (2), the labeling device (11) comprising a dispensing tongue (12) constructed and arranged for stripping off labels (13) and applying them to the flowerpots (2), a positioning device (22) comprising a joint (23) and having a positioning arm (24) constructed and arranged for pivoting the labeling device (11) and positioning the dispensing tongue (12) against the flowerpots (2) being connected to the labeling device (11), wherein said positioning device (22) further comprises at least one further positioning arm (26) and wherein said positioning arm (24) and said further

positioning arm (26) are connected to one another via a further joint (27), and wherein said labeling device (11) is able to pivot about a longitudinal axis (Z) of the positioning arm (24), or of said further positioning arm (26), or about an axis parallel thereto, via a further joint (29).

20. (New) The potting machine according to claim 1, wherein said positioning arm (24) is constructed and arranged such that said pivoting of the labeling device (11) is around a pivot axis (X) via said first joint (23).

21. (New) The potting machine according to claim 20, wherein said labeling device (11) is able to pivot about a longitudinal axis (Z) of at least one positioning arm (24, 26) via said second joint (29), wherein said first pivot axis (X) and said longitudinal axis (Z) are generally perpendicular to each other.